groups in the North East and acquisition of sophisticated weapons as well as assistance and sanctuarise enjoyed by these groups in the neighbouring countries are some of the main factors responsible for the continued existance of insurgent groups and their violent activity

(c) The areas needing development of armed forced in aid of civil power have been declared as disterbed areas, and insurgent groups viz. ULFA, NSCN and Meitie Extremist organisations have been declared as ' unlawful association'. The concerned State Government, are being given assistance to deal with the activities of the insurgent groups.

Upgradation of IVRI Calcutta

2722. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to develop the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Calcutta as the major Research Institute of the eastern region;

(b) whether the Government of West Bengal has also submitted any proposals in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, there is only Regional Research Station of the Indian Veterinary Reserch Institute in calcutta. There is no proposal to develop it as major research Institute.

(b) and (c). The government of West Bengal has offered a piece of land for development of this regional Station.

(d) A Task Force has been constituted to examine the offer.

Compensation to Peppervine Growers

2723. SHRI PALA. K.M. MATHEW:
SHRI P.C. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to compensate the Peppervine growers whose crops are demaged by quickwilt and other diseases; and

(b) if so, the details of relief provided or proposed to be provided to these growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The central sector Integrated Programme for Development of Spices being implemented during 1991-92 has various components which provide relief to the farmers, whose peper crops are affected by quick-wilt and other diseases. These include (i) rehabilitation of old pepper gardens in Kerala which are senile and disease affected (ii) supply of input-kits and plant protection sprayers with subsidy (iii) supply of disease free planting material to farmers. An outlay of Rs. 356.54 lakhs has been provided for development of pepper under the programme for 1991-92. The problem of quick wilt disease of pepper was recently reviewed in this Ministry and under the above mentioned central Sector scheme, an additional amount of Rs. 11.81 lakh has been sanctioned to government of Kerala for exclusive utilisation in the quick wilt disease affected areas in the State. The Spices Board under the Ministry of Commerce has also sanctioned a scheme with a outlay of Rs. 20.00 lakhs for protection of disease affected areas of pepper in Kerala.

[*Translation*]

Rental Value of Agricultural lands

2724. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to stare:

(a) whether the rental value of the agricultural land is taken into consideration while determining the prices of agricultural products;

(b) whether the rental value of land is determined through various methods in each State; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RANCHANDRAN; (a) to (c). Rental value of owned land used in crop production is included in the cost of cultivation/ production of principal crops which is one of the important considerations in determination of procurement/support prices of agricultural commodities.

The rental value of one land is estimated on the basis of prevailing rents in the village for identical type of land or as reported by the sample farmers subject to the ceiling of fair rents given in the land legislation of the concerned State.

[*English*]

Spread of Militancy to Northern States

2725. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the militants in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir have extended their operations to other States like Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a meeting of Home Secretaries and Police Chiefs of the five northern States and Chandigarh was called on December 10, 1991 to discuss and evolve effective means to prevent the spread of militancy and terrorism to oether States; and

(d) if so, the decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Such instances have come to notice. This has happened due to increased pressure from Security forces in the States affected by terrorism.

(c) and (d). A meeting was convened by Governor of Punjab at Chandigarh on 10th December, 1991 to discuss the measures to coordinate steps to deal with terrorism. It was decided to strengthen anti-terrorist measure and to have frequent exchange/ sharing of information about terrorist activities/movements/hideouts among affected States.

Statement in UN Security Council on Non-proliferation Treaty

2726. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had consented to a Statement made in the Security council on February 1, 1992 to the effect that the summitters note the importance of the decision taken by many countries to adhere to the No-proliferation Treaty;

(b) whether this amounts to departure from the stand taken by India in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for giving concent to such a statement?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c). The statement issued at the conclusion of the Security council Summit Meeting noted the importance of the decision taken by many countries to adhere to the NFT since several delegation highlighted this issue in their statements at the meeting.

Prime Minister, however, made it quite clear in his statement that some of the crucial concerns of India had not been reflected in the statement issued by the president of the